

Biscayne Bay Regional Restoration Coordination Team Science Meeting to Discuss Health of the Bay

June 21, 2017 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM

NOAA Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC)

Statistics Building (rear of main building) Conference Room

75 Virginia Beach Drive Miami, FL 33149

Dial-in Number: 1-302-202-1108 Conference Code: 775467

Objective: To coordinate existing science, including monitoring related to the seagrass die off in Biscayne Bay, specifically in the area known as the “Julia Tuttle Basin”. Also, to assess additional information needs and look for opportunities to improve resiliency of the area.

9:30 – 9:45	Welcome, Introductions and Purpose: Carrie Beeler, Phil Everingham
9:45– 10:15	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of recent seagrass loss in the Julia Tuttle Basin - Eric Buck, Manager Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserves• Lessons learned, similarities and differences of the estuaries- James W. Fourqurean, FIU, Seagrass Ecosystems Research Lab
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:15	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long term trends in water quality data- Nicole Millette, Post Doc, NOAA AOML, Biscayne Bay Habitat Focus Area and the SFERTF indicator for Southern Coastal Systems Phytoplankton Blooms.• March 2017 site visit to the north Biscayne Bay <i>Syringodium</i> and historical data - Margaret (Penny) Hall, and Brad Furman, FWC
11:15-11:45	Questions and Discussion
11:45– 12:15	Working Lunch: Cheese pizza & Caesar salad \$7 per person (please bring cash by 10:15 AM, exact change is appreciated) or bring your own lunch. There is only coffee and water fountains available.
12:15 – 1:15	Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• USGS research on seagrass in Biscayne Bay-Rachael Stevenson, Research Assistant, USGS Seagrass Lab• Seagrass density mapping, Chlorophyll- Christian (Chris) Avila, (RER DERM)• Seagrass restoration-Mark Fonseca, VP, Science CSA
1:15-1:45	Questions and Discussion
1:45-2:00	Proposed Recommendation Update -Capt. Dan Kipnis

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2:00-3:00

Next Steps Discussion

- short term and long-term goals and science needs
- regional and local actions
- science, operations and outreach

3:00 pm

Adjourn

BBRRCT PURPOSE: Using the final report of the BBPI as a guide, the Team will integrate and coordinate restoration, enhancement, and preservation projects, plans and activities, and will work toward maintaining a functioning ecosystem while promoting a sustainable region. Specifically, the purpose of the Team is to:

1. provide a forum for public involvement, outreach and interagency coordination and communication
2. identify goals and performance measures related to key issues and to assess the achievement of those goals
3. identify funding requirements
4. review elements of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) that affect Biscayne Bay. The Team will serve as the principal advisory body to the Working Group for issues in this region.

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